

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	25932	Agenda Number	39.
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Meeting Date:	August 8, 2013
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a one-time purchase through TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (SMARTBUY) with TWINCREST INC. dba TWINCREST TECHNOLOGIES for the purchase of Bluetooth Reader Systems for the Transportation Department in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of the Transportation Department.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase
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Prior Council Action:	
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9D (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.
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Additional Backup Information

This purchase will provide the Transportation Department with 200 Bluetooth Reader Systems in an effort to improve traffic flow along City of Austin roads. These systems will be installed along major arterials throughout the City and will allow the Transportation Department to measure and monitor travel times as well as adjust signal timing to improve traffic flow. This information will be disseminated to the public through the City's web page and the City's dynamic message signs.

Twincrest Technologies is contracted through SmartBuy to supply this type of equipment to other public entities statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing these cooperative contracts provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest opportunity to place the City's equipment orders.